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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with [redacted]

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1. A meeting was held with [redacted] on 31 July 1973, to discuss his request for access to OSS files for the purpose of writing a book dealing with Indo-China during 1945. Attending the meeting were Messrs. [redacted]

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[redacted] and the undersigned.

2. [redacted] stated that for many years he had "kept quiet" about the events which had taken place in Indo-China in 1945, believing it was best "to let sleeping dogs lie." Now that American involvement in the Vietnam war is ending, he feels the time is appropriate to set the record straight. (My God, he talked in cliches!)

3. For this purpose he intended to publish a book, even if it was necessary to use a vanity house. He had brought with him a list of documents which he had turned over to the Army in 1954. These documents would apparently form the nucleus of his research effort. In addition, [redacted] stated that he was also doing research at National Archives.

4. We explained our intent to be helpful. We proposed to Mr. [redacted] to issue him a badge which would permit limited access to the building, to install him in an interview room off the main reception area and to provide him with research materials. To formalize the initiation of this project, [redacted] was given copies of the standard memo of agreement to protect classified information, the standard form to gain approval for historical research projects, and a copy of a national agency name check form for purposes of obtaining background information. He was asked to complete these forms and return them to the undersigned.

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5. [] indicated that he would be departing Washington for Orlando, Florida approximately mid-August. In turn, we indicated that the paperwork necessary for badging would in all probability not be completed prior to his departure and the further information exchange would be by correspondence. All of this seemed quite acceptable to []

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6. [] was then introduced to [] who had expressed an interest in meeting with him and he departed for Mr. [] office.

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